



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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SUBJECT: **PROJECT NO. R2010-01627-(1-5)**
ADVANCE PLANNING CASE NO. 201000014
"HEALTHY DESIGN ORDINANCE" ("HDO")
DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM NO. 9; JULY 27, 2011
**** SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ****

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PRELIMINARY FEEDBACK

Staff has received valuable comments over the past few weeks regarding the proposed Preliminary Draft Healthy Design Ordinance ("HDO") dated July 11, 2011. Comments received from Regional Planning staff so far include:

- Encouraging walking in rural areas through unpaved, improved walkways rather than urban sidewalk improvements;
- Encouraging Farmers' markets while ensuring neighborhood compatibility; and
- Encouraging community gardens.

These comments will be incorporated into the Draft HDO wherever possible. Staff has also received helpful input from Public Works staff regarding the proposed amendments to Title 21, including reference to the Los Angeles County Bicycle Master Plan and XX. Their recommendations will also be incorporated into the Final Draft HDO for future consideration.

AREAS FOR DISCUSSION

Staff would benefit from discussion and any direction from your Commission on key changes to the Draft HDO from the draft that you received last week. These key changes are:

- Expanding the use of community gardens to a permitted use in all non-industrial zones without additional, extensive development standards.
- Removing Farmers' Markets from the HDO. Discussions with staff indicate that this use involves many complex factors, and may be more appropriate as a separate effort than as part of the HDO. Therefore, Farmers' Markets may be addressed in a separate ordinance.

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